Sony Airpeak drone: A small unmanned aerial vehicle that shoots 4K movie videos from above

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Sony's Airpeak drone. Credit: Sony

Drones have always been a high-flying success at the annual CES show.

The latest drone with a buzz: Sony's Airpeak drone, which promises to be an eye-in-the-sky for filmmakers.

Sony did not offer a lot of information about the drone, but showed a video of it—outfitted with a Sony Alpha 7S III camera—tracking the electronics company's in-development Vision-S electric high-tech vehicle from above. Captured was stunning footage of the snowy, wooded mountainous Austrian landscape.

The Airpeak, Sony says, is the smallest class of drones that can carry such a camera.

"Airpeak enables video creators to explore new frontiers for visual expression. With Sony's Alpha camera, stable dynamic remote shooting is possible," said Kenichiro Yoshida, chairman, president and CEO of Sony Corp. "Creators have unlimited potential to capture stunning images from above. Airpeak transforms the skies into an infinite creative playground."

Sony announced its Airpeak drone project in November 2020 and says it will become available in the spring of 2021.

More drones are expected to be in the air after the Federal Aviation Administration two weeks ago approved rules small drones to be flown over people and at night.

The Vision-S vehicle, which debuted at the CES show last year and has sensors that could be used for self-driving features, is currently being tested on public roads, Yoshida said.